

What is claimed is:

1. A method for making an entry to an electronic medical record comprising the steps of:

associating the medical record with a patient, wherein

5 the medical record is managed by an administrator;

providing access to a portion of the medical record;

receiving an entry at a server serving the medical record on a network of processors, wherein the medical

record includes at least one folder storing the entry; and

10 storing the entry in a folder according to a header of the entry.

2. The method of claim 1, wherein the entry is provided by a user, wherein the user is one of a patient and a

15 provider.

3. The method of claim 1, wherein the entry is provided by a user, wherein the user is one of a business and an organization.

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4. The method of claim 1, wherein the entry is provided by a processor on the network.

5. The method of claim 1, wherein the step of providing access further comprises the step of providing patient consent.

5 6. The method of claim 1, further comprising the step of providing limited access and usage to a user according to a user's current identity.

7. The method of claim 1, further comprising the step of
10 providing limited access and usage to a user according to a user's scope of employment.

8. The method of claim 1, further comprising the step of providing limited access and usage to a user according to a
15 user's demographic profile.

9. The method of claim 1, further comprising the step of providing limited access and usage to a user according to a user's business character.

20 10. The method of claim 1, further comprising the step of providing limited access and usage to a user according to a user's group membership.

11. The method of claim 1, further comprising the step of providing limited access and usage to a user according to a user's security clearance.

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12. The method of claim 1, wherein the entry received at the server is encrypted by a sender.

13. The method of claim 1, wherein the entry received at
10 the server is digitally signed.

14. A program storage device readable by machine, tangibly embodying a program of instructions executable by the machine to perform method steps for making an entry to an
15 electronic medical record, the method steps comprising:

associating the medical record with a patient, wherein the medical record is managed by an administrator;

providing access to a portion of the medical record;

receiving an entry at a server serving the medical
20 record on a network of processors, wherein the medical record includes at least one folder storing the entry; and
storing the entry in a folder according to a header of the entry.

15. A system for a portable medical record comprising:

a plurality of processors connected by a network to
database including a medical record;

5 a plurality of folders for storing a message in the
medical record;

a means for controlling access to each of the folders;
and

a means for sorting the message into at least one
10 folder.

16. The system of claim 15, wherein the message can be one
of a plain text message, a digital image, an audio file,
and a multimedia file.

15 17. The system of claim 15, wherein the message includes
one or more attachments.

18. The system of claim 17, wherein a message attachment
20 can be one of plain text message, a digital image, an audio
file, and a multimedia file.

19. The system of claim 15, wherein the means for
controlling access further comprising:

a data encryption module for encryption communications
across the network; and

5 a digital signature module.

20. A graphical User interface system supporting a medical
record comprising:

a menu generator for generating:

10 at least one menu permitting User browsing of at least
one folder of a medical record; and

a menu permitting User entries to the medical record,
wherein each entry is automatically filed into at least one
desired folder of the medical record.

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21. The graphical User interface of claim 20, further
comprising a means for accessing a multimedia file
including a portion of an entry to the medical record.

20 22. The graphical User interface of claim 20, wherein the
multimedia file is comprised of multipurpose Internet mail
extensions.